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OHIO MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Greenfield, Ohio, man was sentenced in federal court today for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Gary Wayne Deaton, 44, of Greenfield, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 6, 2005, **Deaton** pleaded guilty to being in possession with intent to distribute in excess of 500 grams of cocaine. **Deaton** admitted that on Oct. 19, 2004, he was in possession of 998.6 grams of cocaine, 42.6 grams of crack cocaine, and 68.4 grams of methamphetamine. **Deaton** obtained these substances from the Phoenix, Ariz., area, Schlozman said, and was in the process of transporting them back to the Greenfield area for re-distribution when he was stopped by a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper on Interstate 44 in Greene County, Mo.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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